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Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

In past appearances before the Select Committee, you have permitted me to go off the record when discussing matters of extreme sensitivity so that there would be no written record increasing the risk of compromise. The transcript of my appearance before the Committee on 20 July contains certain matters which are equal to or of greater sensitivity than other subjects we have previously discussed off the record. I ask the Committee's cooperation in treating this matter with the care which is so obviously justified.

I request that the lines of our discussion referring to this matter be deleted from the Committee's two copies of the 20 July transcript. I am ordering this procedure to be followed with the copy of the transcript maintained by my Legislative Counsel. I do not make this request because of any lack of confidence in the Committee's security procedures; indeed, the Committee's security record is excellent. However, I feel my statutory responsibility to protect intelligence sources and methods most strongly where a human life could be placed in jeopardy, as is the situation here. In these cases, I must do all within my authority to protect the identity concerned. In addition, I do not believe that deletion of this information will handicap the Committee in any way. The information involved appears only tangential to the Committee's understanding of the case under discussion.

If you agree to this procedure, my Legislative Counsel, Mr. George Cary, will meet with Mr. Miller and indicate the portions of the transcript which I ask be deleted.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter, and for the security-consciousness of your Committee.

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Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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